

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR MICHAEL D. ANTONOVICH DECEMBER 16, 2003

In 1882, the United States passed the Chinese Exclusion Act. For more than a half-century, tens of thousands of Chinese were barred from becoming naturalized U.S. citizens.

On December 17, 1943, Congress partially repealed the Chinese Exclusion Laws but limited the annual number of incoming Chinese immigrants to 105 a year. It would be another 23 years before immigration equalized from both Asia and Europe.

In commemoration of the anniversary of the law's repeal, the new Chinese American Museum of Los Angeles at 425 North Los Angeles St. will officially open its doors on December 18th.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors acknowledge the countless Americans of Chinese descent that have made significant contributions to our nation and county and officially recognize December 18, 2003 to commemorate the day Chinese Exclusion laws were repealed in the United States.

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